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CARVER PLAN

1. LORD CARVER AND JOHNNY GRAHAM REPEATED TO US A CONVERSATION THEY HAD AT LUNCH IN MALTA WITH ZIPRA NATIONAL COMMANDER ALFRED MANGEMA. CARVER ASKED WHAT MANGEMA THOUGHT OF THE PROPOSAL HE, CARVER, HAD OUTLINED FOR CREATION OF A ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY FOR THE INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. MANGEMA REPLIED HE THOUGHT THAT IN OUTLINE IT WAS ACCEPTABLE. CARVER ASKED WHETHER MANGEMA THOUGHT THAT THE EXISTING BATTALIONS OF THE EXISTING RHODESIAN AFRICAN RIFLES COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS "ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS" OF THE RHODESIAN DEFENSE FORCES FOR INTEGRATION IN THE ZNA. MANGEMA SAID HE
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THOUGHT THEY COULD BE, AS FAR AS ZIPRA WAS CONCERNED. THERE WOULD BE LESS PROBLEM WITH THEM THAN THE POLICE SUPPORT UNITS. THE IMPORTANT THING HE SAID WAS GETTING RID OF THE TERRITORIALS AND OTHER ALL-WHITE UNITS. SMITH WOULD FIRMLY RESIST THIS.

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